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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 208

E. O. 11652 : GDS
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SUBJ : ASMARA SITREP IV

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1. BURTCHAELL, TENNECO GENERAL MANAGER, INDICATES THAT HE HAS CONTACT WITH CAPTORS OF THE TENNECO PARTY. HE INDICATES THAT THEY ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER FOOD TO THE MISSING PARTY. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO DEMANDS FROM THE GROUP'S CAPTORS.

2. THIS MORNING AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M., CONGEN RECEIVED NIACT IMMEDIATE FROM SANAA REQUESTING EMERGENCY MEDEVAC OF US CIT TO KAGNEW HOSPITAL. CONGEN ARRANGED FOR KAGNEW CHAPLAIN TO FLY PRIVATE PLANE. CONGEN APPROACHED EAL, SECOND DIVISION, SECURITY AND IMMIGRATIN, AND CAA REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR PLANE TO TAKE OFF AND LAND AT ASMARA AIRPORT. EACH REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE WAS MET BY PASSING THE BUCK TO ANOTHER AGENCY. KEGN. TEGHEGN HAILU, CAA, FINALLY SAID WE NEEDED CLEARANCE FROM SANAA TO LAND BEFORE HE COULD GIVE CLEARANCE TO TAKE OFF FROM ASMARA. I ASKED IF HE COULD OBTAIN SUCH CLEARANCE AND HE SAID HE HAD
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NO CAPABILITY FOR THAT. AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM AT

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4:00 P.M., I CONTACTED SANAA SAYING WE HAD NO AIRPORT
CLEARANCE. WHILE EFFORT TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL,
IT GAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF PRESENT CHAOS WITHIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

3. IEAF PERSONNEL ARRESTED YESTERDAY ARE BEING CHARGED
INDICATES THAT AN AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO REQUESTED THEIR
RELEASE WAS BEATEN BY MEMBERS OF THE SECOND DIVISION. WHEN
ASKED, SECOND DIVISION OFFICERS INDICATED THAT SITUATION IS NOT
SETTLED AND THAT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE
ARMED FORCES CONTINUES.
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